

REMARKS

Claims 1-26 were pending. Claims 7-8 and 24-25 have been cancelled. Claims 1, 13, 15, 17 and 19 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 1-6, 9-23, and 26 remain pending subsequent entry of the present amendment. Support for the claim amendments may be found throughout the description. For example, see the discussion of FIG. 6A beginning at page 15.

SECTION 103(A) REJECTIONS

Claims 1-6, 9-20, 22, 23, 24 and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chen et al. (Dynamic-Agents for Dynamic Service Provisioning) hereinafter referred to as Chen, in view of Howard et al. (U.S. Patent Number 6,601,086) hereinafter referred to as Howard. Applicant submits each of the pending claims recite features neither taught nor suggested by the cited art. Accordingly, the Applicant requests reconsideration in view of the amendments and the comments below.

Newly amended 1 recites in part a service provisioning mechanism

“wherein a response received from the external source identifies a proposed service and includes an input stream comprising an encoded version of the requested service, wherein the proposed service is a service required to decode the encoded version of the requested service; and

Applicant submits none of the cited art discloses or suggests receiving an encoded version of a requested service and the identification of a further service required to decode the encoded service. Accordingly, for at least this reason, claim 1 (and each of the remaining independent claims for similar reasons) is patentably distinguished from the cited art.

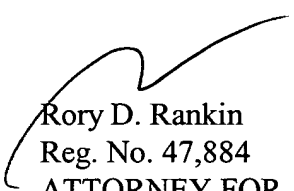
In view of the present amendments, Applicant submits the application is now in condition for allowance. If a phone interview would speed allowance of any pending claims, such is requested at the Examiner's convenience.

CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant submits that all pending claims are now in condition for allowance, and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Meyertons, Hood, Kivlin, Kowert & Goetzel, P.C. Deposit Account No. 501505\5181-78500\RDR

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